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SUBJECT: TRAINING CRUISES FOR RSNF ON MIDEASTFOR SHIPS

REFS: (A) USCINCEUR 101637Z FEB 75; (B) JIDDA 1794,

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1. THE VALUE OF PREVIOUS TRAINING OF RSNF PERSONNEL ON
SHORT CRUISES CONDUCTED BY MIDEASTFOR IS RECOGNIZED. PRO-
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POSED EXTENSION OF NAVAL TRAINING CRUISES TO TWO WEEKS

OR MORE CAN PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF RSNF PERSONNEL AS WELL AS ENHANCE SUPPORT AND SOLIDIFY RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE US AND SAUDI NAVIES. PROPOSED CONCEPT OF TRAINING FULLY SUPPORTS THE STATED US POLICY TOWARD SECURITY IN THE GULF.

2. CURRENT DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN REGARDING MIDEASTFOR COULD WELL BE HELPED BY ADVISING GOB OF THIS NAVY INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIAN NAVAL EXPANSION.

3. AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO PRESENT AFLOAT OJT PROPOSAL, INCLUDING INITIAL CRUISE PROPOSED REF B TO MODA PRINCE

SULTAN IF EMBASSY MANAMA CONCURS WITH THIS APPROACH (SEE BELOW). PROPOSED OJT PROGRAM WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY (NDP) FOR SAUDI ARABIA; EXTENDED TRAINING CRUISES SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED IN THE MIDEASTFOR QUARTERLY OPERATING SCHEDULE; THE SAG WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY ALL APPROPRIATE COSTS INCLUDING MESSING AND ANY INCREASED COSTS FOR FUEL AND PORT VISITS WHICH MIGHT BE INCURRED.

4. FOR MANAMA: YOU SHOULD ADVISE GOB OF RSNF TRAINING EFFORT BY MEF. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMENTS SHOULD YOU SEE ANY TACTICAL DISADVANTAGE IN APPROACHING SUBJECT NOW. KISSINGER

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